

Stewart/Hunter Lifestyle

Year in Review

OCTOBER 2006

Soldier Show wows Stewart

Local 87th CSB officer was part of Soldier show at Newman Gym Aug 9

Spc. Wes Landrum
50th Public Affairs Det.

Fort Stewart was abuzz with the sounds of music Aug. 9, as the 2006 U.S. Army Soldier Show played to a capacity crowd at Newman Fitness Center.

This year's show, entitled "Reveille: Answering the Call" showcases the Soldiers' love of country, their "always ready" spirit and, ultimately, their commitment to victory.

While Fort Stewart was just another stop on this year's tour, it was a homecoming for one performing Soldier.

"It feels absolutely wonderful to be home," said 1st Lt. Alisha Vaughn, Headquarters Detachment, 87th Corps Support Battalion. "To see my friends and family here, it was a special night for me."

Vaughn was one of 17 performers selected for the show. Joey Beebe, the show's executive producer, said the number of applicants varies from year to year. This year, nearly 100 people sent audition tapes in, he said.

"After receiving the tapes, I prescreen all of the tapes to make sure we can see the person in the tape and I cut the list down," Beebe said. "In January, we bring in a panel that looks at the 40 or 50 tapes that we deem acceptable for our show."

From there the selection process gets tougher.

"We select 25 from there and bring them to Fort Belvoir where we have a live audition process for 10 days," Beebe said. "They then go through extensive training."

The producer said the applicants are put through stressful scenarios just like they would be during the summer performance schedule. The performers go through military training and are given a PT test. Beebe said the show organizers surprise the performers at every turn.

"We throw songs at them and expect them to be at performance level the next day," he said. "We also put them through choreography drills."

At the end of those 10 days, the performers put on a live show that they have prepared, Beebe said 50 percent of their score is the 10-

day training and the other 50 percent is the live show.

"We select between 15 and 20 performers for the show," he said. "This year, we took 17."

Vaughn said she was very excited when she learned she had been selected as a member of the cast.

"The first thing that came to my mind was 'Oh my goodness, I can't believe it,'" she said. "I was really excited to be a part of it."

Vaughn said the cast worked for three months to get the show ready. Working 12- to 16-hour days, she said the cast gelled quickly.

"We had a lot of teamwork getting through the tasks," Vaughn said. "We also had a lot of encouragement from each other and our staff. It made the days a lot easier."

Staff Sgt. Samuel Hesch, 111th Army Band, Hawaii National Guard, said the cast members are a jack-of-all-trades group.

"Not only are we performers but we set up the stage, sound and lighting," he said. "When we're done with the show, we break them down as well. So we're performers, technicians and road crew."

This year's show marks the first time a Soldier from another nation was selected as a cast member. Cpl. Jong-Baek Yoon, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 8th Military Police Brigade, Yongsan, Korea, said he was honored to be selected for the cast.

"I participated in the Stars of Tomorrow in 8th Army," Yoon said. Mr. [Victor] Hurtado, the show's director, came to Yongsan and saw me perform. I then participated in All-Army Stars of Tomorrow and after that performance, I was urged to turn in the video and audition."

Yoon said being the first non-American performer for the show is wonderful but it can get lonely at times.

"When I feel lonely, music is my best friend," the Republic of Korea Soldier said. "Every time I listen to music, I feel alright."

Beebe said the show will travel some 50,000 miles and entertain more than 100,000 people this summer and everyone, at some point, has problems. He said the most difficult things the Soldiers face, when on the road, is maintaining their health and tackling the group dynamics - finding a place to fit in and being able to find a way to deal with people.

"When you are at your job, if you have a problem with someone, you walk away and not see them for a couple of days," he said.



Photo by Spc. Wes Landrum

Soldier Show performers sing and dance to a country and western number during the performance at Newman Fitness Center Aug. 9.

"The time apart gives you a chance to cool down and regroup.

"You aren't afforded the time apart when you are together 24 hours a day for six months," Beebe added.

Beebe said the management has meetings with the cast and crew all the time about these issues.

"As long as they remember that they are spreading morale to the troops and their families, they are fine. It's the times when they have issues whether it's cast problems or financial issues that hurt the most," he said. "Soldiers, on post, can go to any number of buildings and take care of their problems.

When you're on the road, you can't take care of these problems. It then becomes a priority to take care of the Soldier and help them take care of that problem."

That's where the camaraderie kicks in.

"They take care of each other," Beebe continued. "They feed off of each other."

At the end of every show, it's never boring, Beebe said. It's a good feeling to see the crowd entertained.

"Sometimes, I will walk along the crowd and watch them react to the show," Beebe said. It's hard to predict which parts of the show will make them go crazy and which parts will touch them."

AUGUST 2006

BOSS sings the blues, blows the bagpipes

Pat Young
Frontline Staff

Fort Stewart's Bettor Opportunities for Single Soldiers showcased the singing, dancing, and instrumental talents of local community members during its showdown Sept. 7 at Sports U.S.A.

Savannah's own comedian Redbone, who's been featured on Comedy Central, Black Entertainment Television and Showtime, hosted the show which was free for Soldiers and family members.

BOSS offered free door prizes for the hundreds of people who came out to see the 23 participants perform.

Leading off the acts was an 11-year-old family member, Seth Sammons, who performed a guitar solo that wowed the audience with his rendition of 'House of the Rising

Sun."

There was something for everyone, with acts coming from as far away as the front gate, Redbone joked after a bagpipe rendition of "Amazing grace" performed by Spc. Andrew Reed, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment.

The performances ranged from the Jitterbug dance, to vocalists belting out blues, country, folk, rap and rock.

"Entertainment runs in my family," said Dawn Peay-Claridy, 135th Quartermaster Company whose incredible voice had the crowd moving and clapping to the tune of "I'm Going Down."

"Music makes me feel good," she said. "I hope that by singing here I can make other people feel good, too."

The crowd was responsive to all the performances, but judges took notice as three Soldiers calling themselves I-30 Records had the audience standing and saluting. I-30 performed a song they wrote while

deployed in Iraq called "A Soldiers Song."

I-30 record members, Sgt. John Chance, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Special Troops Battalion; Sgt. Kevin Miller, 703rd Forward Support Company; and Private 1st Class Gregory Vanderlin, A Co., 3-7 Inf., won first place and the \$250 prize, but said they didn't do it for the money.

"We were some of the first Soldiers to cross the border into Iraq in 2003," said Miller. "We met up there in Baghdad and again during our second deployment there."

Their song speaks of the hardship and sacrifices made by Soldiers and their family members, and how they may be called to make them again.

"After two tours in Iraq, this song was a way to cope with the loss of our fellow Soldiers, said Chance. "This was the least we could do in remembrance for them."

The three wrote the song to tell a "Soldier's Story" to audiences. They performed it in Iraq and wanted to share it locally, too.

"We tried to entertain our fellow Soldiers while we over there," said Vanderlin. "We hosted two live performances on the 4th of July and again in October at Fall Fest."

I-30 was in the company of many outstanding artist which included the second-place winner, Sgt Brian Clouston who sang "American Soldier," and third-place winner, Pvt. Aaron Cabarrus, who crooned a smooth song he wrote for his fiancée.

"The show was designed to promote morale and to showcase their talent in an organized and professional atmosphere," said Spc Irvin Moore, BOSS president, Headquarters Company, United States Army iGarrison. "We appreciate all the support from the 3rd Infantry Division Command and hope to have more show-downs soon."



Photo by Pat Young

Sgt. Bill Kassay and Rachel Fray perform the Jitterbug at the BOSS Talent Showdown.



Sgt. Brian Clouston, won third place with his performance of "American Soldier."

Pets of the Week



This basset hound mix and cat are some of the many homeless pets at the Fort Stewart animal shelter. The shelter has pets of all kinds, sizes, and breeds in their care. If you are interested in adopting, call the Fort Stewart Veterinary Clinic at 767-2842.



MWR Briefs

Learn Ju-Jitsu

Learn a Japanese combat art used by police and military forces, each Tuesday and Thursday, 6–7:30 p.m., at Caro Physical Fitness Center. The fee is \$45 a month. For more information, call 767-7090.

Feel the burn

Basic Endurance Aerobic Training, a new, high-intensity aerobics class based on the Army physical fitness program, is being offered from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. weekdays at Jordan Fitness Center.

Matting and framing class

A monthly matting and framing class is held the first Saturday of every month, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The class is required to use the matting and frame shop at the Leisure Activities Center. Call 767-8609 to register. Shop hours are Tuesday to Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Youth Center

Saturdays are Open Recreation at the Stewart Youth Center. First through fifth grades: noon to 2 p.m.; sixth to 12th grades: 2–8 p.m.

The Child and Youth Services membership fee of \$15 is required. Call 767-4491.

Pilates classes

Pilates classes are scheduled Monday, Wednesday and

Friday, 6–7 p.m. at Club Stewart, Palmetto Room. Call 368-2212 for details.

Children's story hour

Children's story hour is scheduled for Wednesdays at 2 p.m. at the Fort Stewart Library.

Bingo

A \$2,500 progressive jackpot is up for grabs at bingo, every Tuesday and Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., and Sunday 12:30 to 7 :30 p.m., at Club Stewart.

Electronic Quarter late-night bingo is held every Tuesday and Wednesday 10:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., and Sunday 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Bedtime story hour

The Fort Stewart Library hosts bedtime story hour 6-7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month.

Free ballroom dance lessons

Are you ready to rumba? Free ballroom dance classes are offered for singles and couples tonight at 7 p.m. in Club Stewart's Rocket Room.

Learn fundamentals of Rumba and East Coast Swing. Classes are the first Wednesday of the month at Fort Stewart.

Classes are also held the third Wednesday of each month at Hunter Club. Call 492-6164 for information.



AAFES PRESENTS

JAN. 11 TO JAN. 17



Turistas

Jan. 11 — 7 p.m.
(Josh Duhamel, Melissa George)

A group of young backpackers' vacation turns sour when a bus accident leaves them marooned in a remote Brazilian jungle that holds an ominous secret.

R (strong graphic violence and disturbing content, sexuality, nudity, drug use and language), 92 min.

Unaccompanied Minors

Jan. 12-13 — 7 p.m.
(Wilmer Valderrama, Dyllan Christopher)

It's Christmas Eve and a huge blizzard has just shut down the airport, threatening to ruin holiday plans for all stranded travelers. Snowed in en route to their father's house, two unaccompanied minors, Spencer and his little sister, Katherine, are ushered to the airport's Unaccompanied Minors Room. This group of UMs from

cliques that don't mix learn to ditch their differences.

PG (rude humor, language), 89 min.

Casino Royale

Jan. 13 — 10:30 p.m.
Jan. 17 — 7 p.m.

(Daniel Craig)

James Bond's first 007 mission takes him to Madagascar, where he is to spy on a terrorist Mollaka. Not everything goes as planned and Bond decides to investigate, independently of the MI6 agency, in order to track down the rest of the terrorist cell. Following a lead to the Bahamas, he encounters Dimitrios and his girlfriend, Solange. He learns that Dimitrios is involved with Le Chiffre, banker to the world's terrorist organizations.

PG-13 (intense sequences of violent action, a scene of torture, sexual content and nudity), 144 min.



Films are subject to availability. AAFES strives to show films according to the published schedule, but reserves the right to reschedule, cancel, or substitute showings as needed. For more information, call 767-3069.

Post-wide baby shower gives back to parents

**Spc. Emily J. Wilsoncroft
Nondice Powell**
Frontline Staff

Throngs of expectant mothers, new parents and children of all ages filled Club Stewart Nov. 16 for Fort Stewart's first-ever post-wide baby shower.

The event, open to all parents-to-be, new parents and young families, was the brainchild of Jo Coleman, who works on the New Parent Support Program.

"The sole function of the New Parent Support Program is to bring support services to young and new mothers and fathers," she said. "The goal of this baby shower is to get them all together in one place to let them know we're here and what we have to offer."

The numerous services showcased at the shower included safety resources, childcare providers, free knit caps and other articles of clothing donated by a knitting and crocheting club, and even massage therapy. Dozens of vendors from around the country donated their time and products in support of the outreach.

"I had the idea for this soon after the Soldiers came back from deployment," Coleman said. "We anticipated a big baby boom and wanted to do something for the new parents, especially mothers who are new to the area and don't have friends or family around here."

The anticipated baby boom is currently in full swing, judging by the number of

attendees at the shower, and mothers took full advantage of everything it presented to them

"So far, this has been great," said Keshia Golosby, an expectant mother who moved to Stewart in July. "I really think it's a good way to help new parents get an idea of what resources are available to them."

Upon arrival, each mother received a gift bag, but throughout the course of the evening, they had the opportunity to get many other useful and free items.

A stage was set up in the Club Stewart ballroom, with baby products ranging from diaper bags to clothes to cribs piled high around it. All of these were distributed to the gathered mothers and fathers.

"This is a really nice idea," said Regina Coffelt, another mother-to-be. "It's good for Soldiers and families."

Army Community Services employees and volunteers helped orchestrate the baby shower and Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery Regiment helped to set up the room and keep things running smoothly.

"All of this was a huge community effort," Coleman said. "There's a lot of amazing love in here."

An additional baby shower was held at Hunter Army Airfield Nov. 2 so that no installation parents would be left out.

"A lot of us don't have the opportunity to be with our families at a time like this," said Hunter mom-to-be Amanda Leach. "It's nice that the Army opens up their arms and supports our families."

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Safiya Cherry, an ACS volunteer, hands expectant mother Evaughn Bethea a gift bag as she enters the post-wide baby shower Nov. 16 at Club Stewart.



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Sheil Eichorn, a massage therapist, massages the hand and arm of expectant mother Heather Osborne during the baby shower Nov. 16 at Club Stewart.



Nondice Powell

Ashley Montgomery and Amanda Leach talk with a vendor at one of the booths during the baby shower Nov. 2 at Hunter.



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Above: Sgt. Andrea Dyer, 224th MI Bn., talks with other pregnant women at the baby shower Nov. 2 at Hunter.

Left: Mother-to-be Keesha Oxner picks up a silver ornament, one of the many items given away during the baby shower Nov. 16 at Club Stewart.

Look to God for the strength to cross your Jordan



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chap. (Capt.) Javon Seaborn
26th BSB, 2nd BCT

Have you ever run a race and, when you got down to the last lap, found it to be the most difficult part of the race? What about the last nine weeks of high school or the last semester of college?

You think it should be the easiest, but it turns out to be the hardest.

It would seem to our finite mind that if we are approaching the end of something — especially a race or school — it should get easier, but this is when trouble comes.

Any time the end is in plain view, it means you are about to finish. We know that starting something is easier than finishing it.

You remember that New Year's resolution you made (that diet, or that new work-out schedule)?

When you went back to work after the holidays, someone offered you some German chocolate cake, and without thinking about your resolution, you started eating the cake.

All along in the back of your mind, you were saying to yourself, "I shouldn't eat this cake, because I have a goal in mind."

In the Book of Joshua, Chapter 3, Joshua was at the same place many of us find ourselves today. Joshua had to lead the complaining Israelites across the Jordan River so they could process their land.

Many of them were complaining, angry and wondering why they were moving in the first place. As we move into 2007, I believe God wants us to cross our Jordan.

Our Jordan could be earning that degree we have been putting off, or that plan we've made to lose weight. Jordan is the place where

God wants you to be, even though you can't see yourself there.

So, my brothers and sisters, don't look at the goal — look to God, and He will give you strength to cross your Jordan.

Bible Study

The 3rd Infantry Division and Fort Stewart invite the community to a Bible Study on "Leadership" led by 3rd Infantry Division Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Harlon Triplet at Marne Chapel 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. every Tuesday. Lunch, Bibles, and "The Leadership Lessons of Jesus" study book are provided free of charge.

Chapel Schedule

Fort Stewart

<u>Catholic</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Sunday Mass	Heritage	9 a.m.
Saturday Mass	Heritage	5 p.m.
<u>Protestant</u>		
Contemporary Worship	Marne	11 a.m.
Gospel Worship	Victory	11 a.m.
Traditional Worship	Marne	9 a.m.
American Samoan	Vale	11 a.m.
Liturgical Worship	Heritage	11 a.m.
Kids' Church(K to 6th grade)	Across from Dia. Elem.	11 a.m.
PWOC (Tuesday)	Vale	9:30 a.m.

<u>Islamic</u>		
Friday Jum'ah	Marne	1:30 p.m.
Contact Staff Sgt. Aiken at 877-4053.		

<u>Jewish</u>	
Contact Sgt. 1st Class. Crowther at 332-2084.	

Hunter Army Airfield

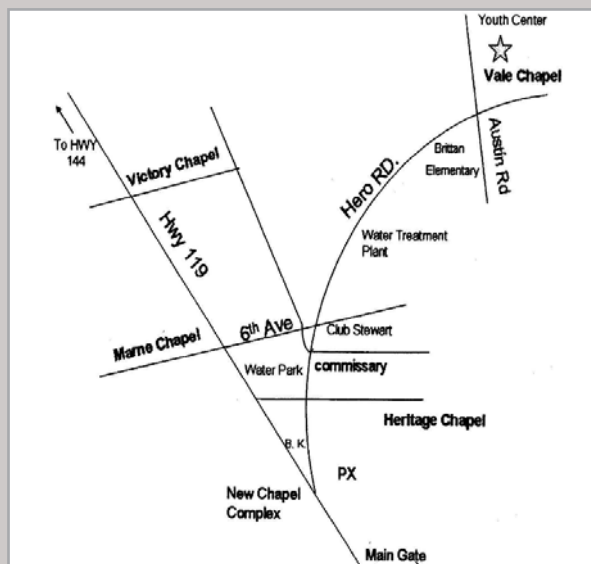
<u>Catholic</u>		
Sunday Mass	Chapel	11 a.m.
<u>Protestant</u>		
Sunday Service	Chapel	9 a.m.

Religious Education Contacts

Stewart and Hunter, Director of RE, Mike Iliff, call 767-7028.
Stewart Catholic RE coordinator, Eileen Robbins, call 767-6825.
Hunter Catholic RE coordinator, Pamela Perez, call 315-5440.

Chapel Youth Ministry Fort Stewart Junior and Senior High Students!

Join us for free games and pizza
Sunday, 6:30 - 8 p.m., at Vale
Chapel in Bryan Village.
For more information,
call 877-7207.



Kids Church

Exciting Bible Lessons
with music, puppets, videos, crafts, games

11 a.m. to Noon, Sunday

at School Age Services
(across from Diamond Elementary)

For all kids Grade K-6

Scheduled Bus Pick-up

10:15 a.m. - Liberty and Hendrich, Liberty and Sicily, Liberty and Anzio, Liberty and Rome

10:20 a.m. - Jasmine and Skyland Spruce, Jasmine and Liberty Wood, Wild Fern and Golden Birch

10:30 a.m. - Schofield and Sansidro, Schofield and Hollandia, Rogers and Argyle

10:40 a.m. - Naktong and New Guinea, Ormoc and New Guinea

10:50 a.m. - Marne Chapel

10:55 a.m. - Victory Chapel

Questions?
Contact Chaplain Ric Thompson at 767-6831

NOVEMBER 2006

Marne Week boosts Soldiers’ spirits

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Frontline Staff

The sound of music floated across the air as carnival rides flew through Fort Stewart’s cerulean skies Nov. 20, signaling the successful start of Marne Week.

Soldiers, family members and local community members swarmed onto post to take part in the 3rd Infantry Division’s 89th birthday celebration, which concluded Nov. 22.

The three-day festivities included a fair and carnival for both children and adults, a static display, numerous sporting events such as dodgeball, pushball, flag football and skeet-shooting, a division run, and musical performances by LeAnn Rimes, Silk, Keith Sweat and Michael Scott.

Maj Gen. Rick Lynch, 3rd Inf. Div. commander, participated in many of the events, from leading the way during the division run to warmly welcoming the performers at the concert.

Soldiers were given time off from work to enjoy Marne Week activities, and many took advantage of that.

Thousands attended the events, which were run by volunteers from companies and organizations both on- and off-post.

Shenita Miller, who works for the Directorate of Logistics, volunteered with the fair because she loves working with children.

She and Latrice Smith from DOL helped children make key rings decorated with their names and phrases during the children’s carnival.

The key ring station was just one of many stops for children at the kiddie carnival during the Marne Week extravaganza.

Among the many events were a moon castle, mini-train ride and face painting.

The main carnival featured a ferris wheel and other rides, games and food.

In addition, the division held a Pass and Review ceremony Nov. 21 to honor 3rd Inf. Div. Soldiers and veterans.

“I’m humbled to be around everyone from the 3rd Infantry Division,” said retired Col. Charles P. Murray, a 3rd Inf. Div. World War II veteran and Medal of Honor recipient who attended the Pass and Review. “It’s always wonderful to see Marne Soldiers pass by. It was a beautiful ceremony.”

Marne Soldiers turned out in full force to the events and competitions, making the celebration all it was planned to be and more.

Soldiers set up static displays on 6th Street for family members to see military vehicles.

The full Marne inventory was on display, from Bradley Fighting Vehicles and Abrams tanks to M113 armored personnel carriers.

“I like to play on the tank!” said Brandon Thomas, 4, after climbing inside a Bradley from 1/30 Infantry. “Vroom, vroom!”



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Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch, 3rd Inf. Div. commanding general, leads Marne Soldiers on a division run to kick off Marne Week Nov. 20.



Spc. Ben Hutto

The 1st BCT Tug-of-War team hangs on for dear life during their first round defeat. They avoided the four-foot-deep mud pit by releasing the rope just as they crossed the orange cone.



Sgt. Ben Brody

Above: America Kelly, 14, and Michael Redmon, 10, enjoy a ride at the Marne Week carnival Nov. 20.



Staff Sgt. Raymond Piper

Country singer LeAnn Rimes performs at Stewart’s Cottrell Field Nov. 20 during the Marne Week festivities.



Staff Sgt. Raymond. Piper



Spc. Emily J. Wilsoncroft

Above: Larry Washington (top), A Trp, 3rd Sqdn, 7th Cav., battles Victor Salazar, B Co., 1st Bn, 64th Ar., during the combatives tournament Nov. 20 at Caro Gym.

Left: Ammon Flanders, 7, throws himself down the inflatable slide during the kiddie Carnival during Marne Week.